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For: SIGNAL PROCESSING DEVICE, SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD AND FILE **GENERATING METHOD**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the application by entering the enclosed substitute specification in place of that which was previously filed. A redlined copy of the specification is also attached incorporating the changes.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 4-5, and 7, as shown in the Appendix. The claims as amended in clean form are presented below:

1. (Amended) A signal processing device adapted to receive as input a first coded file containing one or more first code streams and header information and also a second coded file